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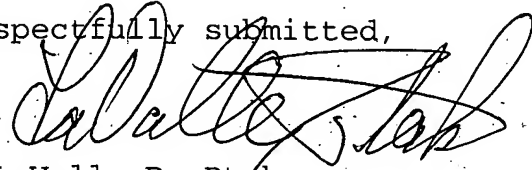
As noted by the Examiner, Claims 1 and 9 are generic. Claims 5 and 6 are dependent, through one another, upon Claim 4, and therefore should be included in this group, since the limitations of Claim 4 are included in these dependent claims. In addition, Claim 7 is dependent upon Claim 5 (which as mentioned above, is dependent upon Claim 4) and therefore includes the limitations of Claim 4. Consequently, Claim 7 also should be included in this group.

Similarly, Claims 11 and 12 are dependent, through one another, upon Claim 10. Since the limitations of Claim 10 therefore are included in these claims, they also should be included in this group for examination purposes. Inclusion of these additional claims so that the elected group contains Claims 1 and 3 to 15 is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully traverses the requirement to limit the elected group to species F, G and H; but in order to fully comply with the request made by the Examiner, the species of Group IV, identified as species H, is elected. This would include Claim 9 and all of the claims dependent upon it, either directly or through one another. The remaining claims, 2 and 16 to 29 are held in abeyance subject to the filing of subsequent divisional applications.

1 Applicant respectfully submits that this election is complete
2 and in accordance with the requirements made by the Examiner.
3 Early examination of this application on its merits is respectfully
4 requested.
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